

to describe Janine's grace, her delicate nature, her respect for her colleagues, her genuine kindness, and her commitment to the work at hand. I'm told that on many occasions when staff completed work for the night, usually past midnight, and left sections for Janine to draft that often her work was on their desks by 9:00 the next morning. She was always willing to stay long past when the Metro closed, as long as she had a ride home.

We, in the committee, relied heavily on Janine's legal abilities, her legislative drafting precision and we were fortunate to have her as a star on our team—although for far too short a time.

Janine's academic achievements are superior, graduating with high honors from Harvard Law School in 1986 and then clerking for the Honorable Cecil Poole on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. With her exceptional qualifications, I'm confident that she would have been successful in any career path she chose. Fortunately, for us, she came to the Senate and for 13 years we have all been more successful because of her.

The poet Albert Pike has said:

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Janine has certainly touched many of us in lasting ways. The Senate is grateful for her service and we share our condolences with her friends and family.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, as Senators, we are accustomed to the glare of the public spotlight and there are even some members of Congress who crave such attention. In general though, we are here because we share a deep desire to serve our country and to help ensure that our government and its laws are true to the spirit of America.

We sometimes forget that we are also part of a Senate community filled with people who believe in that same kind of public service. Though they do not share the spotlight with us, we could not do our jobs without them and the nation would suffer.

So, I want to recognize the contributions made by all staff, and in particular the experts in the Office of Senate Legislative Counsel that help keep us true to the law, its structure and its functioning. They help put our ideas into real form and maintain the integrity of the code.

That is why it is very very difficult today to note the passing of Janine Johnson, Assistant Counsel in Office of Legislative Counsel. She was an integral and crucial part of that office.

Her professionalism, her deft grasp of complicated statutes, her work ethic, and above all, her pleasant manner and bearing, will be sorely missed by that office, but also by me, my office and in particular, my Environment and Public Works Committee staff.

Many of my staff have worked with Janine for a decade or more and have

been uniformly impressed by her unparalleled skill and commitment to her job.

Janine had a knack for taking even the most complicated concepts and proposals and breaking them down into manageable parts. Then, she found ways to integrate them into existing statutes. To many staff, she was a legislative magician.

One did not need to know Janine for very long to see that she shone with a pure and intense inner light that made the way clearer and easier for others. But, the memory of her kindness and delicate humor will live on and inspire those who follow her.

Janine was a talented woman and a lawyer's lawyer. She had a green thumb and many days brought one of her prized amaryllis plants in to brighten the front office. She also spoke many languages, including beginning Russian which I believe she started in Middlebury, VT.

The Senate has suffered a great loss with the passing of Janine Louise Johnson. I wish her family and friends all the best in coping with the pain. However, I want to note that her significant contributions to the Senate and to the nation will not be forgotten and that she should serve as a model for us all.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, it is with sadness that I join my colleagues to mourn the premature passing of a dedicated member of the Senate staff.

Ms. Janine Johnson was an Assistant Counsel in the Office of the Legislative Counsel. She was a 1986 graduate of Harvard College and a 1989 graduate of Harvard Law School.

Her responsibilities included drafting legislation in areas that are within the Agriculture Committee's jurisdiction. Her thoughtful work and dedicated service to members of the Senate are reflected in legislation such as the 1996 and 2002 farm bills and the 1998 child nutrition reauthorization.

The work of the Office of the Legislative Counsel often goes unnoticed and under appreciated, but it is talented attorneys like Ms. Janine Johnson who provide such a valuable service to the Senate. I extend my sympathies to Ms. Johnson's family and friends.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mrs. DOLE. I want to explain why I was necessarily absent from the June 13 vote on the confirmation of R. Hewitt Pate to be an Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust. At the time the vote took place, I was speaking to the Flue Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, a group of more than 500 North Carolina tobacco farmers, in Raleigh, NC. My attendance at the event was important in order to listen to the major concerns of our State's tobacco farmers, as well as to address one of North Carolina's top priorities, a tobacco quota buyout, which is critical to the livelihood of all tobacco farmers and the economic security of our State.

Had I been present, I would have voted for Mr. Pate.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, 2 months ago when President Bush declared an end to combat operations in Iraq, I rose to pay tribute to the seven service members with Indiana roots who sacrificed their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I observed that while these seven fine young men were engaged in a noble and worthy cause—making the world safer for all freedom-loving peoples—their deaths again showed us that freedom never comes without a heavy price in human lives.

At the time I delivered those remarks, I and all Americans understood that there would still be dangerous times ahead for our service members, but we sincerely hoped there would be no more reports of American service members killed in combat operations.

Today, I am sad to report, our troops in Iraq are still very much at risk of injury or the ultimate sacrifice as they work to restore order and a civil society in this troubled country. It seems that almost every day we receive news of soldiers being ambushed or attacked in hit-and-run type incidents. More than 40 American troops have fallen since May 1st. We are still suffering combat casualties, and it is obvious that reconstruction of Iraq is going to be a lengthy and difficult process.

During these past 2 months, three of those who fell were brave young men with Indiana roots. Three more Indiana families have been devastated by the loss of a loved one. Today, I would like to pay tribute to these three fine young men.

Marine Lance Corporal Matthew R. Smith of Anderson, IN, was killed on May 10 in Kuwait when the Humvee he was riding in struck a trailer in a military convoy. Matthew, a Marine Corps Reservist, was 20 years old and a sophomore at Indiana University. He went overseas with his unit in February and had traveled all the way to Baghdad while providing support to Marine combat forces.

On the day Matthew died, his father, David Smith, received the first letter from his son since he went overseas. Matthew wrote that he was proud to be in Iraq as a marine fighting for his country's freedom.

Matthew Smith will be missed.

Army Private Jesse Halling of Indianapolis was killed on June 10 in the city of Tikrit when his military police squad became engaged in a firefight after being ambushed. Jesse was in the turret of a Humvee firing a machine gun at their attackers when a rocket-propelled grenade struck the vehicle. His commander has recommended him for a Silver Star Medal for bravery under fire.

Jesse was 19 years old and had enlisted in the Army right after his graduation from Ben Davis High School, where he had participated in Junior

ROTC. His friends remember him as a fun-loving teenager with a passion for motorcycles. His fellow soldiers will remember him as a hero whose quick actions may well have saved the lives of others.

Jesse Halling will be missed.

Army Private Shawn Pahnke of Shelbyville was killed on June 16 in Baghdad, felled by a sniper round fired in the dead of night at the Humvee he was riding in. Shawn was 25 years old. He had joined the Army to become a crew member on an M-1 Abrams tank and was serving with the 1st Armored Division in Germany before deploying to Iraq.

Shawn leaves behind a wife, Elisha, and a 3-month-old son, Dean Patrick, whom he never had a chance to see. Shawn was in Germany when the baby was born, but the staff at Major Hospital in Shelbyville hooked up a phone connection to the delivery room so that Shawn could hear his child's first cries.

Shawn Pahnke will be missed.

All of Indiana mourns for the loss of these brave young men. Our hearts go out to these families.

HONORING COMPANY A, 8TH TANK BATTALION,
MARINE FORCES RESERVE

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, on behalf of the State of Indiana, I wish to recognize Maj. William P. Peeples of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and his fellow marines of Company A, 8th Tank Battalion, on the successful completion of their mission while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Peeples is from Indianapolis, IN, and it is with sincere pride that I congratulate him on a successful tour of duty leading his division through its service in Iraq.

The unit was among the first involved in fighting when Operation Iraqi Freedom began this March. Some members from the 3rd Platoon also assisted special forces with the rescue and recovery of PFC Jessica Lynch and other remembers of her unit.

We are indebted for the many contributions and tremendous sacrifices, past and present, that the men and women of the Marine Corps have made in service to our great Nation. The strength, courage, and character they exemplify can only inspire the admiration and appreciation of all Americans.

Through their rapid mobilization and superior performance in the line of duty, the marines of Company A, 8th Tank Battalion, serve as shining examples of the Corps' motto "First to Fight." I know I speak for all Hoosiers when I thank the returning members, and welcome them back home.

HONORING PRIVATE SHAWN D. PAHNKE

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Shelbyville, IN. Private Shawn D. Pahnke, twenty-five years old, was killed in Baghdad on June 17, 2003 when he was shot in the back by an Iraqi sniper. Shawn joined the Army with his entire life before

him, with a young wife and a newborn son at home. He chose to risk everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Shawn was the eighth Hoosier soldier to be killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today, I join Shawn's family, his friends, and the entire Shelbyville community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over his death, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is this courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Shawn, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Shawn Pahnke wrote to his family only weeks before his death, telling them that he was proud to serve in the Army and to follow in the footsteps of his father, a Vietnam War veteran, and his grandfather, a World War II veteran. Shawn grew up in Manhattan, IL and graduated from Lincoln Way High School in New Lenox, IL. He then joined the Army and served as part of the 1st Armored Division's 1st Brigade. Shawn leaves behind a wife, Elisha and their three-month-old son, Dean Patrick, who was born after Shawn was sent to Friedberg Army Base in Germany. He also leaves behind his parents, Tom and Linda Pahnke and two older brothers.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Shawn Pahnke's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say her, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Shawn Pahnke's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Shawn D. Pahnke in the official record of the United States Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Shawn's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God bless the United States of America.

THE BUDGET DEFICIT

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, it is said that editorialists can editorialize

but can't take criticism. Not true. Chairman Donald Graham and editorial page editor Fred Hiatt readily accepted the following Washington Post editorial this morning for which I profoundly thank them. Otherwise, since I referred to Pete Peterson, in fairness let me also include his column in the RECORD.

I ask unanimous consent the articles be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the New York Times, June 8, 2003]

DEFICITS AND DYSFUNCTION

(By Peter G. Peterson)

I have belonged to the Republican Party all my life. As a Republican, I have served as a cabinet member (once), a presidential commission member (three times), an all-purpose political ombudsman (many times) and a relentless crusader whom some would call a crank (throughout). Among the bedrock principles that the Republican Party has stood for since its origins in the 1850's is the principle of fiscal stewardship—the idea that government should invest in posterity and safeguard future generations from unsustainable liabilities. It is a priority that has always attracted me to the party. At various times in our history (especially after wars), Republican leaders have honored this principle by advocating and legislating painful budgetary retrenchment, including both spending cuts and tax hikes.

Over the last quarter century, however, the Grand Old Party has abandoned these original convictions. Without every renouncing stewardship itself—indeed, while talking incessantly about legacies, endowments, family values and leaving "no child behind"—the G.P.O. leadership has by degrees come to embrace the very different notion that deficit spending is a sort of fiscal wonder drug. Like taking aspirin, you should do it regularly just to stay healthy and do lots of it whenever you're feeling out of sorts.

With the arrival of Ronald Reagan in the White House, this idea was first introduced as part of an extraordinary "supply-side revolution" in fiscal policy, needed (so the thinking ran) as a one-time fix for an economy gripped by stagflation. To those who worried about more debt, they said, Relax, it won't happen—we'll "grow out of it." Over the course of the 1980's, under the influence of this revolution, what grew most was federal debt, from 26 to 42 percent of G.D.P. During the next decade, Republican leaders became less conditional in their advocacy. Since 2001, the fiscal strategizing of the party has ascended to a new level of fiscal irresponsibility. For the first time ever, a Republican leadership in complete control of our national government is advocating a huge and virtually endless policy of debt creation.

The numbers are simply breathtaking. When President George W. Bush entered office, the 10-year budget balance was officially projected to be surplus of \$5.6 trillion—a vast boon to future generations that Republican leaders "firmly promised" would be committed to their benefit by, for example, prefinancing the future cost of Social Security. Those promises were quickly forgotten. A large tax cut and continued spending growth, combined with a recession, the shock of 9/11 and the bursting of the stock-market bubble, pulled that surplus down to a mere \$1 trillion by the end of 2002. Unfazed by this turnaround, the Bush administration proposed a second tax-cut package in 2003 in the face of huge new fiscal demands, including a war in Iraq and an urgent "homeland